

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



August 6, 2023



"Give them something to eat"

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00am
on-site and online





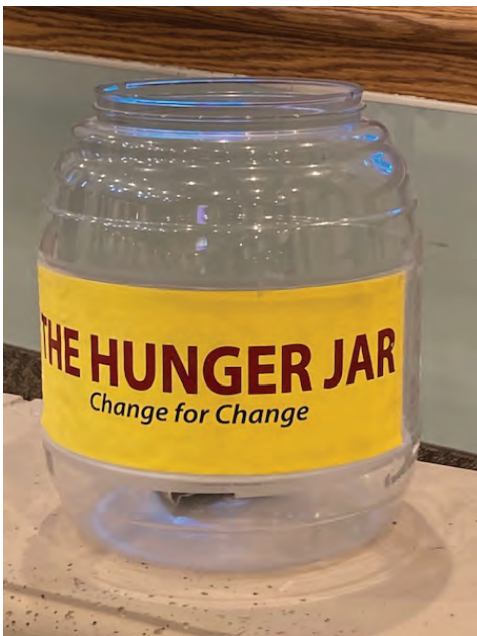
We Remember in our Prayers

- Mary Ann Bartley—Health Concerns
- Bob Bliefertnich (Barbara Brooks's brother)—Healing from Surgery
- Melissa Bloom (Friend of Susan and Steve Johnson)—Cancer
- Nelly Booty (Friend of Susan and Steve Johnson)—Cancer
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Briden and Owen (Great Grandchildren of Maria Tillotson)—Premature Birth
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Sue Dixon (Sister of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Michael Donavon—Health Concerns
- Kathy Duncan (Friend of Ron & Shirley Koch)—Cancer
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Joe Franch (Friend of Kathie Roenigk)—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (Mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Linda Hoenig—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Penny Kilburn—Hospice Care
- Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Battling Cancer
- Ken MacKay—Hip Replacement
- Pete McLeod (Friend of Karen and Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Hadlee Miller (Friend of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- Maryann O'Shea (Barbara Brooks's sister)—Health Concerns
- Prentice Powers (Marty Lindert's brother)—Health Concerns
- Rebecca (Melissa Freesh's sister)—Health Concerns
- Trisha Rios (Jennie Stemm Son-in-law's cousin)—Health Concerns
- Henry Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Gloria Shutter (Friend of Marilyn Nartker)—Battling Cancer
- Vince Spavale (friend of the Dawson's and Ulland's)—Health Concerns
- Michael Stevens (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Brain Tumor
- Sara Stevens (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Breast Cancer
- Peggy Torda (sister of Susie Purewall)—Hospice Care
- Sumi (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Celine (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Darcie Vandermate—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Leslie (friend of Sue Stenehjem and Melissa Freesh)—Life Concerns
- Joan Martin (friend of Karen & Ron Roessler) – Health Concerns
- Family and Friends of Cheryl Herman—(Friend of Scott Sims)
- Skyler Thorne (grandson of Karen Roessler)—Health Concerns

Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcaz.org or fill out a card in the Narthex.

Prayer of the Week

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



LIVING WATER'S "HUNGER JAR"

The large Hunger Jar is located in the sanctuary during services, to the right of the water fountain. Offerings placed in the Hunger Jar are typically distributed 50/50 to local and international/global hunger organizations or initiatives.

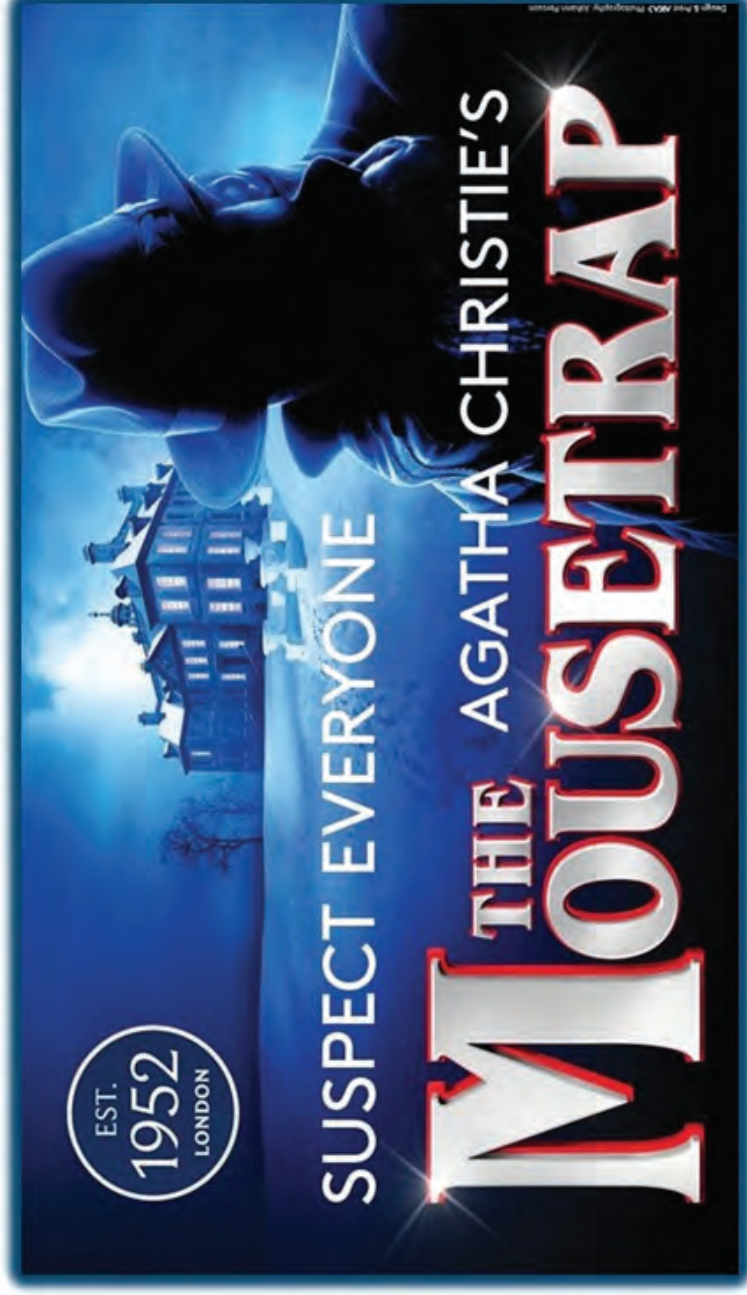
The Service and Caring Ministry Team at LWLC periodically determines how we distribute offerings to the Hunger Jar. Most recently, we split the 12/31/22 balance of \$884 to Vista del Camino food shelf in Scottsdale and to the Food for Kidz event in Fountain Hills (see related Connections article). In the past, Hunger Jar offerings have been split and sent to ELCA World Hunger, Vista del Camino, St. Mary's Food Bank and Feed My Starving Children.

You are invited to make an offering to the Hunger Jar while the offering is being collected during the worship service. While the jar's tag line says "Change for Change," your offering can be coins, bills or even checks! And if you prefer, you can donate through LWLC's online donation option and indicate "Hunger Jar."

From time to time, you may also see smaller Hunger Jar collection jars elsewhere in the church as we gather for worship. Each offering placed in the Hunger Jar is a reminder that our hungry neighbors, near and far, benefit from our generosity. Thank you!

July 21 – Aug. 13, 2023

Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm Sat. & Sun. at 3 pm



See Our Scott Simms

at the Desert Stages Theatre at Fashion Square

Men's Bible Breakfast

We meet on Thursdays at **8:00am**

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center
7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.
Carefree, AZ 85377

\$7 for breakfast

Carpool leaves LW at 7:30am



Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published on our **YouTube Channel**
Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on
our website: **lwlcaz.org**

For any questions about the ongoing Pima Road & Happy Valley Road Improvement
Projects, please feel free to contact:

480.898.4110 | www.PimaHappyValley.com | www.ScottsdaleAz.gov



“God’s work. Our hands.”



Sunday, September 10, 2023

Living Water is joining with congregations from the NE Valley Consortium to create “celebration bags” for clients of Lutheran Social Services-SW. Our contribution: items to support Refugee & Immigration or Aging & Disability. Our goal: filling 50 celebration bags. A collection bin is in the church entryway. Bring your items through Sunday, September 10. If you want us to shop, make a donation to Living Water and note “GWOH” on your donation. We have also applied for a Thrivent Action Team Grant to support this project. Questions? Contact Lisa Moehn (fly13rufa@earthlink.net) or Myrna Ulland (myrna.ulland@gmail.com)

We’ll join together after the worship service on September 10 to fill the bags! Here is what’s needed:

REFUGEE & IMMIGRATION

- Prayer mats for their Muslim clients
- American candy, especially chocolate
- Any small household item for their new home, such as a picture frame or kitchen towels
- \$10 Amazon or Walmart gift cards
- BPA-free water bottles
- Chapstick

AGING & DISABILITY

- Non-slip socks
- Nonperishable treat, such as cookies
- \$10 Amazon or Walmart gift cards
- Body spray
- A card or encouraging note to the client



Café is an online magazine and podcast for and with **young adult women** who identify as Lutheran or not.

Café shares stories written by bold young women who write about faith, relationships, advocacy and more. Readers and writers of Café include pastors, seminary and college students, and other young adult women who use Café as a Bible study resource individually or with a group. Although many women in their 20s and 30s contribute in every issue, Café can be used and shared by women of all ages.

It's free from Women of the ELCA, and available monthly to your email. You can access it anytime. Just go to boldcafe.org to sign up. Share this resource with your women friends, including daughters, granddaughters, nieces, college students!



Pastor Shari Bernau (PastorShari@lwlcaz.org)
Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 East Happy Valley Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Dear Pastor Bernau,

We cannot thank you, your congregation, and the two other churches that participated in the summer book drive enough. The funding that was provided by Thrivent (\$250) and your church (\$200), was used to purchase 1,892 new books.

Those coupled with the 1,524 books that were donated through your book drive, gives us a grand total of 3,416 books that will go to children living in poverty this school year. This was a significant increase over last summer!

I hope that you will share with your congregation our sincere gratitude for this meaningful gift. We were able to begin distributing the books this summer as we served children at the UMOM shelter. As we give children essentials such as clothing, shoes, and hygiene items, the children always get excited when they are able to select a book. For many, this will be the first book that they will own.

Thank you so much for partnering with us once again. We continue to be inspired by the generosity of your congregation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Aimee'.

Aimee Runyon
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Kris Crow (kcrow737@gmail.com)
Cc; Myrna Uhland (Myrna.uhland@gmail.com)

cc: Sue Brash, Book Gifts Chairman

Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts Retreat

Sponsored by

Grand Canyon Synod Growing in Faith:Diakonia Program

Saturdays, August 5th, 12th, and 19th 2023

9am-12noon MST via Zoom

Have you ever asked yourself:

What does God want of me?

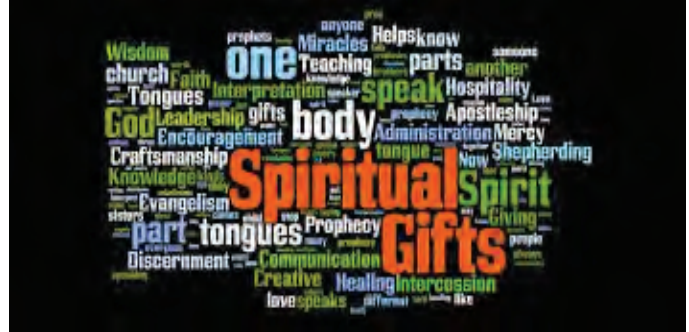
What kind of ministry is God calling me to?

How am I to serve God?

Do I have a spiritual gift?

What is it?

How am I to use it?



To help answer these questions, consider attending “*Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts*”, brought to you by the **Growing In Faith: Diakonia Program in Arizona**.

Through a sequence of exercises and conversations you will be guided in a process of discernment about your unique gifts. By the end of the series, you will know the gifts God has given you and begin to understand how God wants you to use them.

Our retreat leader is Rev. Stewart McDonald. A long-time Diakonia instructor, he has led this Spiritual Gifts retreat several times. Participants have found this series to be very enlightening and practical as part of their faith development journey.

So come join us on this adventure of discernment! If you’re 15 or 95, this series will inspire answers to your questions! All are welcome!

Register at <https://www.diakonia.education> >Home Page >Menu>Events/Retreats

Zoom Link will be provided

\$30 Registration Fee

Questions - Contact: Kim@diakonia.education



Register Now For 2023 – 2024 Courses!

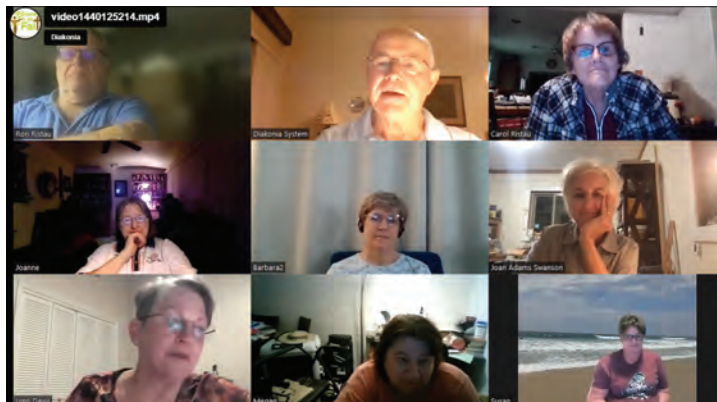
Re-imagined

Growing in Faith: The Diakonia Program is a 40+ year old ministry within the ELCA committed to fostering learning environments for followers of Jesus to grow in faith. In the fall of 2022, the program was reimagined, taking the best of the existing program, adding new elements and more flexibility with a Foundation Year and optional subsequent Practical Year tracks.



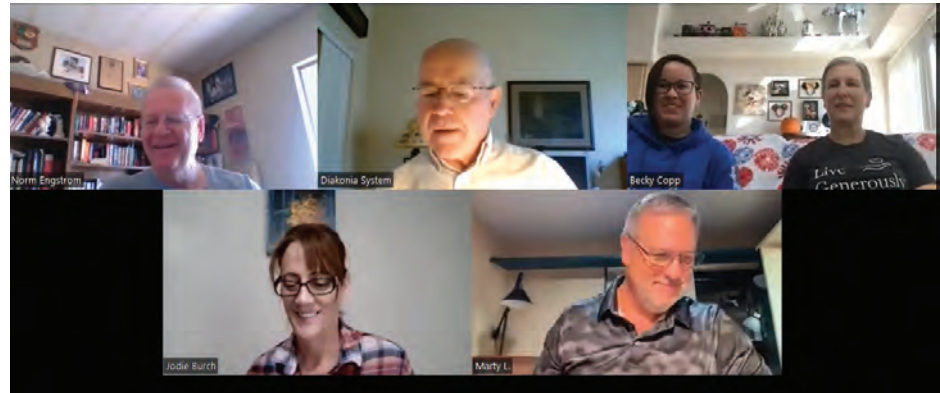
Community of Disciples

There are currently three Growing in Faith communities in the Grand Canyon Synod with cohorts in Metro Phoenix, Tucson, and Online offering classes, retreats, and mutual care to equip followers of Jesus to live out their faith.



Faith Development

A two-year curriculum allows folks to progress through foundational and practical learning. The program accepts people where they are in their faith understanding and challenges them to grow to a deeper level.



Practical Ministry

Growing in Faith has touched the lives of hundreds of participants in the Grand Canyon Synod since classes were first offered in 2017 helping people to discern their callings in the world and to support them in following those callings.

Fall Courses

Six Foundation Year Courses

First Class 9/11/2023 - Mondays 6-9pm via WebEx online and in person Phoenix & Tucson locations
Recommended for first year students

Six Practical Year "Road to Service" Track Courses

First Class 9/5/2023 - Tuesdays 6-9pm via WebEx and in person Metro Phoenix

First Class 9/9/2023 - Saturdays 9am-Noon via WebEx and in person Tucson

Recommended for second year students

Register at GCS Growing in Faith Diakonia Program Website: <https://www.diakonia.education>

Admission/Registration Fee \$25

Tuition \$70 Per Class

Tucson Information Session Monday August 28th 6pm Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Activity Bldg

For more information contact: admin@diakonia.education

Kimberle Kennedy, Chair

Grand Canyon Synod Growing in Faith Diakonia Steering Committee

Longing to **G R O W**?

Plant yourself in good soil



2023 Vacation Bible School Recap

Vacation Bible School at Living Water had a big impact this year. Did you know:

- Nearly 50 individuals volunteered before, during and after VBS to make our program come to life.
- Twenty five children across 12 families participated in our week-long adventure.
- With the help of the families, members of Living Water, New Journey Lutheran Church and Christ the Lord Lutheran Church and the expertise of Sue Brash, 3416 new and gently used books were donated to the Phoenix Assistance League.
- Our Snack Shack team prepared breakfast and snacks for 70 people each day including our volunteers and children.
- The VBS program received three Thrivent Action Grants for use in purchasing food for snacks, supplies for crafts and new books for the book drive.
- On Friday, June 23, we hosted the families of our VBS children for a Program, BBQ Lunch and Outdoor Festival. Every family attended, including a few grandparents.

SAVE THE DATES

Annual Picnic

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH 2023

"MCCORMICK STILLMAN RR PARK"



&

Advent Dinner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH 2023

"SPIRIT IN THE DESERT"



Gathering Song..... "Enough"



You are my — sup-ply, — my breath — of life; — still more awe -
 You're my sac - ri - fice — of great - est price; — still more awe -



- some than I know. — You are my — re - ward, — worth — liv - ing for; —
 - some than I know. — You're my com - ing King, — You are ev - 'ry - thing; —



— still more awe - some than I know. And all of You — is more than e-nough —
 — still more awe - some than I know.



— for all of me, — for — ev-'ry thirst — and ev-'ry need. — You — sat-is-fy —



— me with Your love, — and all I have — in You — is more than e - nough. —



— More than all — I want, — more than all — I need, —



— You are more — than e - nough — for me. — More than all — I know, —



— more than all — I can see, — You are more — than e-nough. And all of You —

Sermon Hymn..... "Praise and Thanksgiving"



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

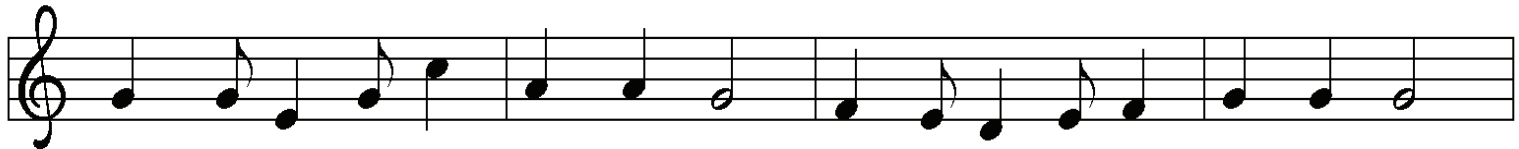
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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Sending Song..... "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Purpose Statement: "To Be and Make
Disciples of Jesus Christ."

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Living Water is a congregation of the
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Grand Canyon Synod and
Northeast Valley Conference.

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Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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